

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE	January 27, 2014
GRANTEE NAME	Millcreek Township
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about February 18, 2014, the County of Erie on behalf of Millcreek Township will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Pittsburgh Office) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Millcreek Township Sidewalk Accessibility Project- Phase II

Project Number: (B-13-MC-42-0107)

Millcreek Township will utilize FY 2013 CDBG funds approximating \$180,000 to construct approximately one hundred twenty (120) handicapped accessible curb-cut ramps throughout Township. The location is community-wide. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to make pedestrian crossings accessible to people with disabilities by providing curb ramps. Without these ramps sidewalk travel and street crossing can be difficult, dangerous and in some cases impossible for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility aids. These ramps will improve pedestrian flow in all areas of the Township, particularly in the residential neighborhoods and school areas. No ramps will be constructed in floodplains utilizing CDBG monies.

The project is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. It has been determined that the project will have no adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the environmental determination is on file and available for review at the Erie County Department of Planning, weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may provide written and/or oral comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address and phone number. All comments received by February 17, 2014 will be considered by the ECDP prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Millcreek Township certifies to HUD that Brian McGrath, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Millcreek Township to use CDBG Program funds as stated above.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and Millcreek Township's certification for a period of eighteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- ❖ The certification was not, in fact, executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of Millcreek Township approved by the HUD; or
- ❖ The Township omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- ❖ The Township committed funds or incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or
- ❖ Another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development, Moorehead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004.

Brian McGrath, Chairman
Millcreek Township Supervisors